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TWO JOINT STATES OR NONE

The House Determines to Stand by the Original Statehood Bill

The Republican Members Decide That the Matter Shall Not Even Be Submitted to a Conference — They Are Inclined to Believe That the Senate Will Ultimately Recede From Its Amendments.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Statehood for Oklahoma and New Mexico will not be granted during this session of congress unless it be on the lines provided in the house statehood bill. This was decided today at a conference of the republican members of the house. The following resolution setting forth the position of the conference was adopted, 112 to 33 after three hours debate:

"Resolved, that it is the sense of this conference that the action and policy of the republican caucus held April 15, 1904, touching the admission of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory as one state and New Mexico and Arizona as one state, as provided in the bill of the house No. 14749 which bill has been

amended by the senate and is now pending in the house committee on territories, be insisted upon and that we insist on such parliamentary proceedings as can be adopted by a majority of the house, under which the aforesaid policy of the republicans of the house will be worked out."

Speaker Cannon is the author of this resolution. When the conference convened three proposals were laid before it, none of which was adopted. There was a resolution offered by Mr. Dalkell, reciting the history of statehood legislation in the house and affirming the caucus action taken at that time. Another was a resolution by Mr. Sibley of Pennsylvania providing that the statehood bill be made the subject of a conference between the two houses. The third was an amendment to the foregoing resolution, offered by Mr. Tawney, adding that in such a conference the house conference be instructed to insist on the house provisions of the bill.

Delegate Rodey of New Mexico made a strong appeal for concurrence in the senate bill. However, he did not make any motion to this end. Other speeches were made by Representative Dalkell, Mr. Hamilton, chairman of the committee on territories and Mr. Powers. Delegate McGuire of Oklahoma pleaded for action whereby at least Oklahoma and the Indian Territory

might be admitted. Speaker Cannon occupied the floor at length on two different occasions. Other speakers were Representatives Highbury, Tawney, Burke, Nodham, Brick and Gaines. The debate was keyed to a high pitch at all times. The ground was taken by those who favored the house provisions or nothing that the republicans of that body would be sacrificing their position taken heretofore to a few republican senators who had seen fit to unite with the minority of the senate. A definition of what is regarded as a binding feature of the caucus was made to those republican members who have indicated an intention to vote with the democrats should the opportunity arise, for the acceptance of the senate bill. This definition was that unless a member gives notice in caucus that he will not be bound by the action taken he must hold himself bound thereby. At the republican caucus on April 15 when the house bill was agreed to as the measure to be supported, there was no member who indicated to the house his unwillingness to be bound by the caucus. This binding feature of the caucus, it was declared, was in force throughout the congress in which the caucus occurs, and the statement was made that no republican member of the house now can feel himself free to support the senate statehood proposition.

There is some talk among the house members that the senate might reject the house bill. Negotiations with this end in view have been in progress. To make it impossible for the house committee to take any action, the committee at its last meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman and no meeting will be held until a call shall have been issued.

PENSION DAY.

Washington, Feb. 10.—After maintaining his record for the rapid disposition of private pension bills, 432 being passed in an hour and a half, the house today considered for a short while the bill providing a government for the Panama canal zone. An early adjournment was taken to enable the republicans to confer on the statehood bill.

THE SWAYNE TRIAL BEGINS.

Testimony Concerning Items of the Judge's Hotel Bills.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The senate today began to hear witnesses in connection with the impeachment proceedings against Judge Swayne of Florida, and entered on the real work of trial. The statement of the case on behalf of the house was made by Manager Palmer, who went over the various charges against Judge Swayne the managers that all of them would be proved.

The witnesses heard today testified

concerning hotel bills paid by Judge Swayne while holding court in Texas. The senate decided to devote the time between 2 and 5 o'clock each day to the Swayne inquiry.

CRUSHED BY ICE.

Fate of Vessels on the New Foundland Coast.

St. Johns, N. F., Feb. 10.—The crew of the British brig, Vandonia, which was caught in an ice floe and bilged out, was rescued by the coast guard on Tuesday night, were found wandering in the woods and badly frostbitten. The Vandonia was broken up by ice floes on Wednesday night. The crew abandoned the wreck and reached the land by walking on the ice. They not being acquainted with the coast, were compelled to remain on the beach all night without shelter in a gale and snow. A furious storm was raging on Thursday morning when they left the beach and attempted to find a settlement. Losing their way they wandered through the woods and were in dire extremity when a rescue party from Petty Harbor found them, too feeble to walk further, and carried them back to that village on dog sleds.

The brig Energy was also held fast in the ice until today but it is feared she will go to pieces.

ARE BUSILY FORTIFYING

The Russians and Japanese Making Manchuria Impregnable.

Headquarters of the Russian army, Huanshaang, Feb. 10.—At present the attention of the Japanese is mainly concentrated on a narrow line east and west of the railroad, where also pass the two main roads to Mukden. The armies are in close touch along Sandepas, Luchangtung and Shakhie. The region is entirely deserted by natives, but their stone houses and stout walls have been turned into veritable fortresses. The facilities have been looted and ascent would be almost impossible, even without obstructions and abatis. Approaches to the streets of the villages can be swept by machine guns hidden behind the thick walls.

Notwithstanding the number of these quasi fortresses, the Japanese are not slackening their energy in entrenching, but persist in working in the day time in the face of the Russian batteries and at night the loud noise of the rumbling of carts give evidence of their untiring labors. The Russians are equally persistent and besides harassing the Japanese working parties with rifle and cannon fire, themselves are fortifying and re-fortifying.

The Japanese continue to scatter proclamations in the Russian lines and these papers are also openly distributed by the Chinese in the streets of Mukden.

RUSSIANS UNALARMED.

No Early General Movement by the Japanese Expected.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—The general staff attaches no importance to the Japanese offensive movement reported by General Kuropatkin and believes it is probably in the nature of a harassing movement to interfere with the Japanese operations. According to the Associated Press Huanshaang dispatches, "both armies are devoting feverish attention to the strengthening of their lines of fortifications, which have grown up since the battle of the Shakhie."

Japanese measures for the blockade of Vladivostok, such as darkening the lighthouses and guarding the straits, excite no alarm, and officials point out that the number of vessels which are in the port is not sufficient to fill the fortress with ample stores for the possible contingency of the siege. The elevation of the Vladivostok fortress to the first rank shows that the Russians expect that it will play an important role in the coming summer, but no one predicts when the siege will begin.

MEDICOS OF MOSCOW

They Would Like to Join a Strike But Cannot.

Moscow, Feb. 10.—A remarkable series of resolutions was passed at a conference here today of physicians residing in the government of Moscow. These resolutions, which will be presented to the Moscow zemstvo, endorse the demands which the St. Petersburg workmen formulated on January 22, and express indignation at the methods of bureaucracy "whose aim is the suppression by violence of all attempts of the nation to secure political liberty" and the determination of the physicians to aid the liberal movement, although they cannot strike because they cannot leave the Moscow cities without medical aid. The resolution also expresses the opinion that the war should be stopped as quickly as possible and say that to this end the zemstvo ought to refuse to contribute further money to the medical service in the far east, "thus actively opposing a continuance of the war which is both foreign and perilous to interests of the Russian nation."

FATAL COASTING.

The Dead and Dying of a Sled Which Ran into a Train.

New Brighton, Pa., Feb. 10.—A man and two boys were killed, two boys are dying and three more were slightly injured as a result of bobsleds dashing into a train tonight. Eight other boys on the sled escaped. The dead are: Reed R. McDaniel, Chas. Farrow, Meri Saviers. The dying are Marvin Ducey and Robert Farrow.

GOVERNOR JOSEPH H. KIBBEY OF ARIZONA

All Speculation Regarding the Identity of Gov. Brodie's Successor Set at Rest by the President Yesterday

The Nomination of Judge Kibbey Received With Expressions of Approval From All Parts of the Territory—Showers of Congratulations—The Manner in Which the Appointment Came About—Eugene A. Tucker of Nebraska To Be Judge of the First District—Prominent Nebraskans Never Heard of Him.

Washington, Feb. 10.—President Roosevelt today sent to the senate the name of Joseph H. Kibbey, attorney general of Arizona, to be governor of the territory in succession to Governor A. O. Brodie, who has been appointed to the office of assistant chief of the record and pension office. The appointee is a former member of the supreme court of the territory.

The president also nominated Eugene A. Tucker of Nebraska to be associate justice of the supreme court of Arizona and judge of the first judicial district to succeed George R. Davis, resigned.

TWAS WELL CONSIDERED.

How the Nomination of Judge Kibbey Was Made.

Washington, Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The nomination of Joseph H. Kibbey today to be governor of Arizona was made after the president had given the subject mature consideration. It can be stated on high authority that Mr. Roosevelt's first thought was to appoint Chief Justice Kent as the successor to Governor Brodie, the president and the chief justice being close friends since their college days at Harvard. In making the tender of the governorship, the president requested Judge Kent to make a recommendation in case he could not accept the appointment. It is understood that the chief justice indicated a preference for his judicial duties, and suggested the name of B. A. Fowler. Several other recommendations of Mr. Fowler were sent in, but he declined to become an active candidate.

Former Judge Wells was recommended by Governor Brodie for appointment. Opposition to Fowler's appointment was developed from certain republicans in Arizona, and it is understood that Senator Beveridge, chairman of the committee on territories, was also inclined to oppose Fowler's appointment, on account of the latter's vigorous objection to the joint statehood bill.

The president, it is said, then renewed his suggestion that Judge Kent take the office, but the chief justice again declined, and informed the president that he hoped to prevail upon former Judge Kibbey to accept the appointment. Later the president was informed that Judge Kibbey had consented to take the office and that this appointment would be satisfactory to Governor Brodie. Others of Judge Kibbey's friends, upon being informed that he would accept, urged the president to appoint him.

There are few men from Arizona in Washington at present, but those who are here pronounced the appointment of Judge Kibbey as eminently satisfactory. Ex-Governor Murphy and Mr. Fowler say they are delighted with the president's choice.

E. B. SMITH.

There was no surprise in well-informed circles yesterday when the word came from Washington that Judge Joseph H. Kibbey had been nominated for governor to succeed Governor Brodie. The nomination had for days been regarded as a foregone conclusion and it had been confidently expected that it would be made on Thursday. The appointment of Judge Kibbey had been hanging fire for some time and it was not until a week ago that he yielded to the solicitation of his friends and consented to accept the office. The first intimation Judge Kibbey had that the nomination had actually been sent to the senate came in a telegram of congratulation from

THEY SAY HE'S ALL RIGHT

Arizonians' Answer to the Query: "What's the Matter With Kibbey?"

How the News of the Appointment Was Received in Phoenix and Throughout the Territory — A High Honor Which Was not Only Unsolicited, but for a Time Refused—The Record of Judge Kibbey in Arizona.

Hon. B. A. Fowler a little after noon. It was later announced by the press dispatches and soon after Judge Kibbey began receiving messages of congratulation from all parts of the territory and from many points abroad. Early in the afternoon the news had spread all over town and was everywhere received with gratification. There was an agreement of opinion that no other nomination could have pleased so many people. Governor Brodie expressed the utmost satisfaction as did also Secretary Nichols and all the other officials.

The appointment of Judge Kibbey was made known in the legislative chambers early and on all sides there were expressions of gratification by members, regardless of party. After the adjournment for the day most of the members of both houses called upon Judge Kibbey to tender their congratulations. Judge Kibbey spent the greater part of the afternoon at his office receiving in person, by telephone and by telegraph the good wishes of the people of the town and the territory.

The following is a list of some of the congratulatory telegrams. It is properly headed by one from Judge E. W. Wells, who had been mentioned in connection with the appointment. It was a little premature, for it came two days before the nomination had actually been made:

"Prescott, Feb. 8.
"Hon. Joseph H. Kibbey,
"Phoenix, Ariz.
"Here's my hearty congratulations to you.
"WELLS."
"Washington, Feb. 10.
"Hon. Joseph H. Kibbey,
"Phoenix, Ariz.
"May I be the first to congratulate you.
"B. A. FOWLER."
"Prescott, Feb. 10.
"Hon. Joseph H. Kibbey,
"Phoenix, Ariz.
"Arizona is to be congratulated. Am personally much pleased with your appointment.
"F. M. MURPHY."
"Tucson, Feb. 10.
"Judge Joseph H. Kibbey,
"Phoenix, Ariz.
"I congratulate you as governor and believe that all Arizonians will be delighted with your appointment.
"W. M. GRIFFITH."
"Bisbee, Feb. 10.
"Gov. Joseph H. Kibbey,
"Phoenix, Ariz.
"Heartiest congratulations on your appointment. Cochise county is well pleased.
"W. B. KELLY."
"Prescott, Feb. 10.
"Gov. Joseph H. Kibbey,
"Phoenix, Ariz.
"Congratulations on your appointment."

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